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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON HAITI'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO U.S.

REF: STATE 204490

1. DURING SEPT 17 CONVERSATION PRESIDENT DUVALIER BRIEFLY BUT EMPHATICALLY RAISED QUESTION OF TEXTILE "QUOTA," STATING THAT 3000 HAITIANS ALREADY THROWN OUT OF WORK AND THAT UNDER PRESENT RESTRICTIONS PRODUCTION LIKELY TO CONTINUE ON 6-7 MONTHS AFTER START OF NEW QUOTA YEAR OCTOBER 1, RAISING PROSPECT THAT 12,000 TEXTILE WORKERS MIGHT BE WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT BY NEXT SPRING. HE ASKED IF GOH COULD EXPECT SOME RELIEF.

2. I REPLIED THAT, AS MINISTER FOURCAND INFORMED, NEGOTIATING TEAM HEADED BY MINISTER JURICH ARRIVING PORT AU PRINCE SEPT. 23 FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW COMPREHENSIVE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT. HAITIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERS WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. I NOTED THAT IN ANY EVENT LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET FOR SPECIFIED TEXTILE PRODUCTS WOULD REMAIN FACT OF LIFE AND SUGGESTED THAT HAITI SHOULD BEGIN TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE EXPORT MARKETS FOR TEXTILE PRODUCTION BEYOND LEVELS EXPORTABLE TO U.S., E.G., TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

3. DUVALIER APPEARED SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED. NEVERTHELESS,  
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TEXTILE RESTRICTIONS AND HAITI'S PROBLEM IN CONTROLLING

EXPORTS WILL BE A CONTINUING SOURCE OF CONTESTATION.  
HAITI WILL PLEAD THAT ITS URGENT DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ENTITLE  
IT TO SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

4. COMMENT: ABILITY OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL TEXTILE COMMITTEE  
TO SCHEDULE EARLY NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOH, DESPITE TIGHT  
SCHEDULE, IS MUCH APPRECIATED BY HAITIAN GOVERNMENT AND HAS  
BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO EMBASSY. LOCATION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN  
PORT AU PRINCE WILL ALSO BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN EDUCATING  
KEY HAITIANS ON US PROBLEMS AND ON THE USEFULNESS OF BILATERAL  
AGREEMENTS IN PERMITTING ORDERLY GROWTH OF THIS PARTICULAR HAITIAN  
INDUSTRY. I HOPE, HOWEVER, DELEGATION WILL ALSO BE ABLE TAKE INTO  
CONSIDERATION THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF HAITI AND THE  
VERY SERIOUS EFFECTS WHICH A REDUCTION JOBS IN EMBRYONIC  
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR MIGHT HAVE AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE SEEING  
FIRST FRUITS OF OUR MODEST BUT LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM IN FIELDS OF ROAD MAINTENANCE, FOOD PRODUCTION AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH.  
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